

insurance obtain services from the MTF that are prescribed by providers external to the MTF. Laboratory and Radiology procedure costs are calculated using the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)-4 Report weight multiplied by either the laboratory or radiology multiplier (Section III.J). Eligible beneficiaries (family members or retirees with medical insurance) are not personally liable for this cost and shall not be billed by the MTF. MSA patients, who are not beneficiaries as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1074 and 1076, are charged at the "Other" rate if they are seen by an outside provider and only come to the MTF for services. The final rule at 32 CFR Part 220, estimated to be published October 1, 1997, will eliminate the dollar threshold for high cost ancillary services (by changing the threshold from \$25 to \$0) and the associated term "high cost ancillary service." In anticipation of that change, the phrase "high cost ancillary service" has been replaced with the phrase "ancillary services requested by an outside provider." The elimination of the threshold also eliminates the bundling of costs whereby a patient is billed if the total cost of ancillary services in a day (defined as 0001 hours to 2400 hours) exceeded \$25.00.

⁹The attending physician is to complete the CPT-4 code to indicate the appropriate procedure followed during cosmetic surgery. The appropriate rate will be applied depending on the treatment modality of the patient: Ambulatory procedure visit, outpatient clinic visit or inpatient surgical care services.

¹⁰Family members of active duty personnel, retirees and their family members, and survivors shall be charged elective cosmetic surgery rates. Elective cosmetic surgery procedure information is contained in Section III.G. The patient shall be charged the rate as specified in the FY 1998 reimbursable rates for an episode of care. The charges for elective cosmetic surgery are at the full reimbursement rate (designated as the "Other" rate) for inpatient per diem surgical care services in Section I.B., ambulatory procedure visits as contained in Section III.C, or the appropriate outpatient clinic rate in Sections II.A-K. The patient is responsible for the cost of the implant(s) and the prescribed cosmetic surgery rate. (NOTE: The implants and procedures used for the augmentation mammoplasty are in compliance with Federal Drug Administration guidelines.)

¹¹Each regional lipectomy shall carry a separate charge. Regions include head and neck, abdomen, flanks, and hips.

¹²These procedures are inclusive in the minor skin lesions. However, CHAMPUS separates them as noted here. All charges shall be for the entire treatment, regardless of the number of visits required.

¹³Dental service rates are based on a dental rate multiplier times the American Dental Association (ADA) code and the DoD established weight for that code.

¹⁴Ambulance charges shall be based on hours of service in 15 minute increments. The rates listed in Section III.I are for 60 minutes or 1 hour of service. Providers shall calculate the charges based on the number of hours (and/or fractions of an hour) that the ambulance is logged out on a patient run. Fractions of an hour shall be rounded to the next 15 minute increment (e.g., 31 minutes shall be charged as 45 minutes).

¹⁵Air in-flight medical care reimbursement charges are determined by the status of the patient (ambulatory or litter) and are per patient. The charges are billed only by the Air Force Global Patient Movement Requirement Center (GPMRC).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Task Force on Defense Reform.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Defense Reform will meet in closed sessions on November 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, and 25, 1997.

The Task Force on Defense Reform was established to make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense on alternatives for organizational reforms, reductions in management overhead, and streamlined business practices in the Department of Defense (DoD), with emphasis on the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD field activities, and the Military Departments.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it has been determined that matters affecting national security, as

covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1988), will be presented throughout the meetings, and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Aerial Targets, UAVs, and Ranges Symposium in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet in Las Vegas, NV on November 12-13, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings on Aerial Targets, UAVs, and Ranges.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

National Coal Council; Notice of Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: National Coal Council.

Date And Time: Friday, November 14, 1997, 8:30 am.

Place: Hyatt Regency, Westshore, 6200 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL.

Contact: Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-5), Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202/586-3867.

Purpose of the Council: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.